Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not yet.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* When will the consideration be over ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I cannot say when it will be over.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* In how many months ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Cannot say. As early as possible Government will decide it.

GREEN MANURE—AVAILABILITY OF

194. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware that because of the extensive disafforestation policy followed by them in the last year and this year the quantity and quality of green manure available to the agriculturists has gone down considerably ;

(*b*) are Government aware that because of the above policy grazing grounds for cattle have also been considerably reduced ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) Government are not following a disafforestation policy, but have been only making available forest land for temporary food crop cultivation in an attempt to tide over the food crisis. Naturally the same area cannot simultaneously serve the purpose of land for agricultural operations and as source of green manure.

(*b*) The lands utilised for growing food crops cannot simultaneously be available for grazing purposes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, from the Hon'ble Conservator of Forests, the result of the process mentioned in (*a*) has not caused difficulties for ryots to get green manure which they were otherwise getting from the same source ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* They could not get green manure from the same source as before.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Am I to understand that the source from which they were getting manure previous to the process mentioned in (*a*) still continues ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Those particular areas are naturally not available as such for green manure. There is no much of difficulty with regard to the non-availability of these lands.

Adjournment motions

Mr. President: I have received two notices of motions for the adjournment of the House—one from Mr. Salem and one from Mr. Kumaram Ezhuthassan. I have decided that both these motions are out of order. They seek to raise a discussion on a matter which is a remark made in the course of the debate on Saturday. The proper time to take up anything mentioned in the course of a debate is during that debate itself, and I cannot accept that a motion for the adjournment of the House is a proper method of discussion of a subject which was debated on Saturday.

Short-notice motion

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I had tabled a short-notice motion to discuss about the policy of the Government so far as our Railways are concerned.

Mr. President: That too I must rule out of order inasmuch as neither the South Indian Railway Company nor the Government of India are amenable to any decisions which we may reach in this House.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* But we can question about the policy of appointments in the South Indian Railway under the present constitution.

Mr. President: I do not think we can profitably discuss it.

Motion expressing Confidence in the Minister

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Mr. President, Before I proceed to the business of the day which has prolonged the life of this meeting beyond its usual span, allow me to offer you, Mr. President and the Hon'ble Member of this House my sincere apologies for having put you to all this inconvenience and upsetting your normal programme. I am deeply thankful to you, Sir, for the great consideration you have shown me in consenting to stay for to-day, cancelling your other engagements, to transact a piece of business for which in the eyes of some of my friends both inside and outside the House, there is no imperative need. That may be so; but, I have got to be honest with myself, and considerations of personal and political morality prompt me to make this motion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I rise to a point of order. I submit this motion is out of order.

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